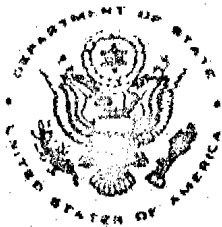


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SUBJ: SYRIAN MEDIA REACTION TO U.S. SECURITY
COUNCIL VETO

1. SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION TOOK PLACE TOO LATE
TO MAKE DEC 9 PRESS BUT WAS FRONT-PAGED
DEC 10. AL-THAWRAH CAPTIONED, "AMERICAN USES
VETO AT SC TO PREVENT CONDEMNATION OF ZIONIST
AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANON". AL-BAATH
BANNERED, "AMERICA AGREES TO ENEMY DEMAND
AND USES VETO AGAINST WORLD CONSENSUS
CONDEMNING ZIONIST AGGRESSION."

2. AL-THAWRAH ARTICLE CLAIMED VETO MARKED
"NEW AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND DIRECT
ENDORSEMENT OF SAVAGE AGGRESSIONS ON PALESTINIAN
CAMPS IN LEBANON". NOTED SYRIAN UN PERMREP'S
STATEMENT THAT ALL SC MEMBERS WITH EXCEPTION
OF U.S. CONDEMNED AGGRESSION AND ENDORSED
DRAFT RESOLUTION. PAPER REPORTED DEMAND OF
PLO REP THAT U.S. CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE
REVIEW OF ITS "BIASED POLICY".

3. AL-BAATH COLUMNIST OPINED U.S. VETO
"CLEARLY EXPRESSED U.S. VIOLATION OF SIMPLEST
CONSTITUTIONAL RULES IN ADDITION TO DEVIATION
FROM INTERNATIONAL CHARTERS AND LAWS, AS
WELL AS CONTRADICTING SPIRIT OF
PRINCIPLES ON WHICH U.N. ESTABLISHED.

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APPARENTLY AMERICA HAS RESPONDED TO ZIONIST DEMAND, AS EXPECTED BY ARAB SIDE". HE ALSO REMARKED THAT BOYCOTT OF SC PROCEEDINGS BY ISRAELI DELEGATION "DEMONSTRATES EXTENT OF ENEMY UNREST OVER EMERGENCE OF PALESTINIAN PERSONALITY" IN U.N. AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST CLAIMED THAT U.S. BOTH ENCOURAGING "AGGRESSIVE ISRAELI POLICY WHICH VIOLATES U.N. CHARTER" AND USING VETO TO PROTEST AGGRESSION FROM CONDEMNATION. HE ADDED THAT U.S. AND ISRAEL WERE WORKING IN HARMONY TO UNDERCUT IMPORTANCE OF "ARAB POLITICAL VICTORY AT U.N." BY TRYING TO FORCE ARABS TO ACCEPT ONE OF TWO OPTIONS: CONTINUATION OF STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY OR RENEWED ISRAELI AGGRESSION.

4. DEC 11 PRESS REPORTED PALESTINIAN AND JORDANIAN DISMAY EXPRESSED IN THEIR MEDIA CONCERNING VETO AND ALLON STATEMENT LAUDING VETO. RELATED ARTICLE REPORTED U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE TO ISRAEL DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AMOUNTING TO 2.255 BILLION DOLS, HIRC DECISION TO EXTEND 1.5 BIL. DOLS. MILITARY CREDIT TO ISRAEL, AND PENTAGON ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. WILL PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH F-15 AIRCRAFT. F-15 DESCRIBED AS "MOST MODERN PLANE NOW IN POSSESSION OF AMERICAN AIR FORCE, NOT YET SUPPLIED TO ANY FOREIGN STATE." AMERICAN MILITARY SUPPORT CONSIDERED "ENDORSEMENT OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION.Z
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